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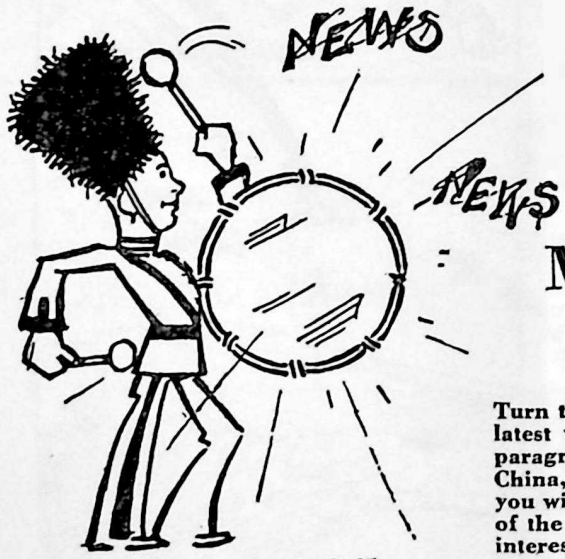

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To every man of the proud host who, sixteen long years ago, wore the YD upon his shoulder, in whatever far corners of the earth they may be, in affluence or in poverty, in sickness or in health, in happiness or in sorrow, and to every one whom they hold most dear, the Yankee Division Veterans Association lifts high its glass to the glory of the days that are departed and the peace and contentment of the days yet to come, in a rousing toast to a Christmas of joy and comfort, and to not only one New Year but many years of success and prosperity.

May the New Year bring to each of us greater opportunity to make our happiness secure, and greater determination to make the most of that opportunity.

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THREE CENTURIES OF NEW HAVEN LIFE IS EXEMPLIFIED IN ITS GREEN, OR COMMONS

The New Haven Green, located in the heart of the original eight blocks that comprised Colonial Pequonnock, will be the scene of many activities during the national YD reunion, to be held in New Haven on June 28, 29 and 30, 1935. The World War Memorial to New Haven's sons who fought and died in the World War is seen at the extreme left. Important city and county buildings encircle the Green.

CITY OF NEW HAVEN ALREADY MOBILIZED FOR YD CONVENTION

When next June rolls around, and the days of the 28th, 29th, and 30th begin to draw close, only one big job will confront the magnificent organization which has already laid the groundwork for the 1935 YD National Convention. That will be to put across the fact that this is a Convention of Conventions, a Reunion of all Reunions; to convince Jake up at Whiffletree Corners, and Tony, out in Okmulgee that, if he never goes out of his own backyard the rest of his life, THIS is the ONE affair he mustn't miss.

For no matter how perfect nor how elaborate the plans for three glorious days, the ONE fact that makes a Convention is HOW MANY ARE THERE. The plans will be as perfect as a splendid organization, working a whole year, can make them; they will be as elaborate as can be squeezed into 72 hours of 60 minutes each. The rest is up to you. If we show up with a measly 1500 or 2000 men, this will be just another Convention. If 10,000 or 15,000 can be sold on making the trip to New Haven, 1935 will go down in the records as the year the old 26th Division reassembled once more—the realization of a dream which has lived in every YD heart since 1919.

We are giving you plenty of notice. Make your plans now. This is going to be a REAL Division Reunion. The Committee is making plans of a scope which aims at nothing less. Do not picture next summer's Convention in terms of Providence, Portland, Concord or Rutland, fine as they all were. This affair is being planned on a so much larger scale that all comparison is impossible. For the first time since 1921, hopes run high that the scattered ranks of the Yankee Division will again fall in under the old symbol of YD, and once more march as a full Division with all the old familiar faces in line. Make a big effort to be there, and from now to next June, tell every YD man you see or write to that the 26th Division is to live and breathe again.

What can we tell you of the plans being made? DOINGS is already hugging the ground under a barrage of publicity which is increasing its intensity of fire as the months go by. At best, with the space at our command, we can pick out the high spots in the reams of bulletins, notices, letters and reports which the mails from New Haven bring in.

Major LEONARD MALONEY (M), General Chairman, in a Bulletin to his 43 sub-committee chairmen, prior to the general meeting of October 24, ordered them to be prepared to accomplish the following steps at that meeting: (1) File complete list of members of their committee; (2) Prepare and submit tentative plans of action for their committee covering all work coming under head of that committee both prior to and during Convention; (3) Be prepared to submit budgetary requirements of each committee; (4) Get all Y.D.V.A. non-members among their committeemen to join the Association.

The Committee on Reunions was requested to make plans NOW for securing reunions of the Divisional regiments and battalions during the Convention; the Drum Corps Committee to determine the size and scope of competitions to be held and amount of prizes to be offered, etc., etc.

The pre-Convention publication, "The Connecticut Yankee," has already been mentioned in these pages. Number 2, November, 1934, comes to hand, this time with four closely mimeographed pages. This paper is sent each month by the Convention Committee to every YD Chapter and to every Legion and V.F.W. Post in New England.

Culled from the current issue are the following items of interest:

ED LOCKHART, Chairman of the Committee on Decorations, now a Colonel in the Connecticut Guard, writes: "Help you? Why not? I may not be as lively as I was once, but I still have enough energy left to give in a cause like this. You can rest assured that New Haven will be festooned with bunting, with a medallion of CLARENCE R. EDWARDS as a centerpiece, so that no matter where you may go, the Old Man will be looking pleasantly down on you as he did in France.

"New Haven has eleven parks, with a total acreage of 998 acres. The weather will be warm in June, and all the soft spots have been reserved, so you'll have a place to sleep it off."

We don't know how in tarnation they're going to get all the Convention events into three days of 24 hours each; but boxing matches, a horse show, a ministrel show, a pageant, and about ten others are on the cards in addition to the regular old stand-bys, parade, reunions, ball, and drum corps competitions. Better sleep a week in advance. There'll be no time to sleep the last three days of next June.

YD Post No. 130, and New Haven Post No. 47, American Legion, have pledged their full support to the Convention Committee, and are working with it night and day.

As a pre-Convention money-raiser, the Committee on Boxing has plans for a series of elimination matches between the amateur boxers in the various units of the Connecticut National Guard. GIG CARSON is Chairman of this Committee, and the series is planned for this month.

FRANK GRIMALDI, Chairman of the Committee on

Reunions, offers free beer for the first three outfits to make reservations for a reunion. This means at least ten registrations accompanied by information that they plan to hold a reunion. Begin getting your crowd together. Regimental and Battalion organizations, take notice; take this up at your next meeting and plan for a reunion of the whole outfit in New Haven.

GENE LENZI (M), Chairman of the Committee on Police, is a state trooper, and, says he: "There'll be no panhandling in New Haven during the Convention, no guys peddling little made-in-Japan silk flags."

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. The amount is as follows:

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Next to Providence, New Haven is the largest city in which a YD Convention has been held since they pulled out of Boston. It is the largest city in Connecticut and the third largest in New England, being considerably ahead of Worcester or Springfield in population. So there'll be plenty of room for us, and we won't have to answer the eternal question everyone was asking about Concord and Rutland, "Where will they house everybody?"

The McCrahon exhibit of war posters, mentioned recently in YANKEE DOINGS, will be on display during the three days of the Convention.

HERE IS REAL NEWS! Through the efforts of Major TOM WHITE (M), THE YALE BOWL HAS BEEN SECURED FOR THE DRUM CORPS CONTESTS! Can you picture the champion corps of each New England state, in that superb setting, competing for the New England championship? With dozens of other colorful outfits adding to the spectacle? This alone will be worth the trip to New Haven.

Wish we had the space to tell you more. There's lots more to tell. We haven't skimmed the surface of the mass of publicity here on DOING's desk. But other months are coming, and we'll shoot another load in the next issue.

Mark your calendar now for NEW HAVEN, JUNE 28, 29, 30, 1935.

Norwalk, Connecticut, draws first blood for advance registration for the Biggest and Best of ALL YD Conventions. Old BARNEY CLARKE (LM), and his side-kick, that human dynamo, AL HERMAN (M), were at the Armistice party in New Haven, and RAY KENNEY (M) gave them the word that SAM POLLEY (M) of their Chapter was the first man in the United States to send in his $1.50.

In his note, Sam said, "Take it while I have it. I may have to come on hoof, thumbing my way, or what have you."

Not to be outdone, AL and BARNEY, after the Ball was over, set to work and added a total of seven names to the advance registration list.

Here are the names:

SAM POLLEY (M) (D Co., 102nd Inf.)
BARNEY CLARKE (LM) (Hq., 102nd Inf.)
AL HERMAN (M) (D Co., 102nd Inf.)
HENRY WOODS (M) (D Co., 102nd Inf.)
BILL ADAMS (M) (102nd Amb. Co.)
JOHN KVANCE (M) (H Co., 102nd Inf.)
"MOOSE" MILLER (M) (D Co., 102nd Inf.)

Let 'em come. Send your registrations to RAY KENNEY (M).

The following excerpts are taken from "The Connecticut Yankee", issue of December 1:

> Guests and Delegates to the 1935 reunion of the 26th Division will not only see the State champion drum corps of YD Post 130 of the American Legion, but they will also view in action a natty and completely uniformed junior drum and bugle corps. From the Sons of the American Legion and from junior members of the Auxiliary, Frank Lee, energetic chairman of the Legion's Sons of the Legion for this district, has already 70 boys and girls signed for the corps.
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> RAY KENNEY (M), chief mogul of the Registration Committee, has already started receiving registrations. Ten members of the Norwalk Club have paid up. Norwalk could be expected to be a jump ahead of everybody else.
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> Capt. FRANK GRIMALDI, chairman of the reunion committee, is still waiting for the reservations of the first three YD units to hold their reunions in conjunction with the 1935 Convention at New Haven.
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> Subcommittees of the YD general convention committee are gradually shaping up their plans for the particular events placed in their care, according to LEN MALONEY (M), general chairman of the 1935 shindig.
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> "Many of the committees," said MALONEY, "seemed at first to feel that it was too early to begin active preparations for their respective affairs. As a result not much could be reported by way of accomplishment. At this time, however, I am happy to report that all hands are enthusiastically throwing themselves into their work and we will soon be able to picture our progress in monthly issues of THE YANKEE."
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> Already the carnival committee has tentatively signed up a mammoth outdoor show to be staged

here late in May or early in June. Joe Marinan's showboat cruise to New York and up the Hudson is in the works and will likely be the first Sunday sail of the 1935 season. Col. Bill Welch plans a horse race instead of the more costly horse show and developments of the Colonel's plans will be announced soon. At our big indoor Arena two large events will be run, arrangements for these affairs now being underway.

It has not been decided whether the Arena events will be boxing, wrestling, hockey, a winter sports show, a radio show or what not. The Podoloff brothers, Nate and Maurice, have pledged their co-operation, and in all likelihood the convention headquarters in June will be in the Arena. The Arena seats 6,000 so turn out in force or you will make a bum of your convention committee.

A colorful feature of the 16th annual reunion of YD men in New Haven next June will be the military ball to be held in the State Armory on Goffe Street. Capt. Harold Dorr, chairman of the Ball Committee, has already submitted his budget for the affair which will be staged on Saturday, June 29th.

In his report to the Budget Committee, Capt. Dorr has requested authority to spend $1,000 in connection with the ball. This amount will care for decorations, the construction of 60 boxes and a large guest box. Special lighting arranging will be made for each box. A 25-piece orchestra will play from 9 P.M. to 2 A.M.

The committee, headed by Capt. Dorr, includes: Alexander Flynn, Anthony Rappa, John J. Sanderson, Joseph Carusi, Anthony R. Teta, Ralph Bishop, Gene Lenzi, James A. Haggerty. The floor committee will be comprised of all sub-committee chairmen of the YD general convention committee.

Provision is being made to care for 500 couples.

YD CLUB OF BOSTON STAGING COMEBACK

Some of the things that the war brought to some of us we'd have been better off without. But there was one thing it seemed to do which has proved more of an asset than a liability. And that is the characteristic of putting up the best fight when the going is the toughest. That was the way the YD fought in France, and that is the way it has fought ever since. It hates like the devil to take a licking, and consequently it never is licked. At the point where anyone else would say, "It looks as if we were all through," the typical YD man says, "Now let's get going; we've just begun to fight."

A good example of what this brand of spirit can accomplish is to be found in the history of the YD Club of Boston during the past eight months.

Last March, at the time of the Annual Meeting and election of officers, the financial condition of the Club was such that it was seriously contemplated either to close the Club altogether or else have it open only in the evenings, thus saving on salaries, heat, light, etc. There were about $1000 in outstanding bills, no money in the treasury, membership at almost the lowest point it had ever been, and the prospect of getting out of debt looked almost hopeless. Over $1000 had been spent the preceding year in cleaning, painting and restoring the Club rooms and furniture, which were in a deplorable condition. This expenditure, necessary as it was, had wiped out what little reserve there might have been.

HAROLD J. SMITH (M) (101st F Sig. Bn.) had been President of the Club for one year, had authorized the renovations, and despite the gloomy prospect confronting the new administration, gladly consented to run for re-election, when he could easily have refused and let the fall—and it certainly looked as if there was to be a fall—come upon the shoulders of his successor. If he had done so, no blame could be attached to such an act, because the state of affairs was in no way attributable to his administration, but simply to the four years of depression which had eaten away the reserves and cut into the membership. Nevertheless, he ran again, was elected. The situation reached a crisis and a general meeting of the Club was called at which every member might have his say as to what should be done. The officers sought the advice of the members.

This meeting broke up without any definite action beyond authorizing the President to appoint a committee to make definite recommendations, but it was plainly evident that the majority of sentiment ran against any curtailment of Club activities, although no very tangible suggestions of meeting the money deficit were forthcoming.

About two weeks later the second general meeting was held, and the special committee, headed by Major "DONO" MINOT (M) made its recommendations. The principal one was that the Club hours should be curtailed, that it be kept open principally as simply an office to keep the records and send out any notices necessary. There were other recommendations. In the debate which ensued it became evident that there was a decided difference of opinion. In general, with some outstanding exceptions, it was also noticeable that those who, because of their present or past connection with the Club as officers, were presumably more familiar with the seriousness of the problem than others, were in favor of the proposed drastic curtailment; while the proponents of keeping open and run-

ning as before at all costs were the "buck privates" of the Club, most of whom had never held office, but whose loyalty was attested in many cases by an unbroken membership record. The debate seldom came to grips with the real problem; one side simply sticking to its point that it wasn't a matter of choice but of necessity, that there was no money to pay the bills, and what was there left to do but close up, the other side sticking with equal tenacity to its point that regardless of money, bills, or anything else, the Club must stay open. They'd get the money somehow. Finally a vote was taken. It was decided to keep the Club open. The President announced that he felt bound to obey the mandate of the members, and put his shoulder to the wheel to "get the money somehow".

Now to get back to the observation made in the opening paragraph, that the YD fights best when the going is toughest. What has happened?

Well, the Club is still open! Due partly to the fact that dues were lowered to $3.00, there are about 40% more members to-day than at any time last year! Much of the old indebtedness has been cleared up, and at the present rate, if certain things materialize as they are expected to, President SMITH (M) states that he hopes to be able to report on April 1, 1935, that there are no outstanding bills! The regular Club smokers have been held, better attended and more enthusiastic than before! A paying tenant occupies the basement bowling alleys, and a new tenant has been found for the street floor premises, which will open on New Year's Eve.

Do not get the idea that the battle has been won and is all over but the shouting. But it is being courageously fought and gains are being made.

To whom should the credit go? First of all, to the officers who accepted the mandate, and have moved Heaven and Earth to carry it out. But more than that to the scores of the rank and file who have gone out and brought in new members, and in many other ways proven that their loyalty is staunchest when most sorely tried.

Because, after all, the YD Club of Boston is something more than a Clubhouse. It is the concrete symbol of a tradition—the Yankee Division.

AMONG THE YD CLUBS AND CHAPTERS

YD CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (CH)

The command is "forward" soldier, and that's where the boys of the YD Club of Southern California (CH) are going under the able leadership of our great President, PETE DRESSER, (M) and his staff of faithful and efficient officers.

The meeting on November 7th brought out four first-timers, the same being:

S. J. LINITS (B Co., 101st Inf.), WALTER SCOTT (102nd Amb. Co.), CARL WIRTH (104th Inf.), C. MAHR (C Co., 101st F.S. Bn.).

Another buddy we were glad to see was one of our Charter members, GUY EDGAR, (103rd F.A.), who has been in Panama for a couple of years.

LINITS, who was General Edwards' barber, gave an interesting talk while the other men stated their pleasure at once more being with the old gang. WIRTH presented an engraved bronze plate to be placed on the frame of our Commander's photograph which was recently unveiled.

JOHN FARQUHAR (Supply Co., 101st Inf.), and WALT STUDLEY (K Co., 101st Inf.), won the door prizes.

BOB HURLEY and WARREN JACQUES (M) of the 102nd F.A. were present, which means we had some gilt-edged oratory, as both of these red-legs can out-Plato all comers when they warm up to a subject.

Armistice Day we had a turn-out that knocked the eyes out of the other outfits in the big parade at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The boys were all garbed in dark suits with white shirts, black ties, and the new berets making a very fine appearance as they swung into full step to pass the reviewing stand. With our beautiful new flag at the head of the column it was with a great sense of pride in our old outfit that we marched and many were the compliments received on the showing that we made.

The meeting on November 21st was held in the gymnasium of Patriotic Hall and was just as billed "an evening of sport." Vice-President BOB NORRIS (M) was in charge of the program and started things off at 8:15 P.M. with the introduction of our old friend "BEANS" REARDON, National League umpire, who, in his own inimitable manner of speaking, told us some of the interesting details of the recent World Series in which he officiated. "BEANS" is a great guy and always welcome at our affairs.

Next on the program in rapid fire succession Bob presented six four-round, fast and furious boxing bouts and a slam-bang wrestling match, all refereed by Tommy McFarland, former World Champion lightweight fighter, which had the spectators on the edge of their chairs throughout.

A vaudeville show of several high class acts concluded the entertainment and sent the crowd home conscious that the old Yankee Division had scored again.

We had as our guests, the veterans of the famous 2nd and 35th Divisions, A.E.F., the boys of the Indian Head outfit parading around the gym in single file to stop before our flag to dip their own in salute. Great spirit and sportsmanship on the part

of another great fighting division.

We were honored by the presence of General GLASSFORD'S son who, with his charming wife, thoroughly enjoyed the program.

The next big event on our social program will be the big annual Christmas Party to be held on the evening of December 19th. BOB NORRIS (M) promises us a big show so we should have a record turnout that evening.

Speaking of Christmas, the YD Club of Southern California (CH) extends to YD buddies everywhere sincere wishes that all will enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

—G. K. M. (M)

YD CLUB OF BOSTON (CH)

See special article elsewhere in this issue.

The Second Annual Military Ball, at the Copley Plaza on the night of December 7, fell too late for an account to be included in this issue. Watch the next number.

As interesting a speaker as the Club has had for a long time was the feature of the monthly smoker on November 22, Mr. Don Reed, a former newspaper man in Philadelphia and other places, whose subject was "Rackets". He told of the many stratagems and connivings of petty crooks for earning a dishonest living, and interspersed anecdotes in Scotch, Irish, Jewish and Negro dialects between the more serious parts of his talk.

The regular monthly distribution of prize awards occasioned the same anticipation and lively interest it always does, one of the high lights of these happy monthly get-togethers.

AL BARNARD (M), Chairman of the Ball Committee, predicted a repetition of last year's splendidly successful party, reported a fine advance sale of tickets and boxes, and a wholehearted interest and support of the efforts of his committee. Two boxes, at $15.00 apiece, were raffled off at 25 cents for two chances.

YD CLUB OF CHICAGO (CH)

Ninety-two members, guests and their ladies, attended the second annual Yankee Division Reunion here, held Nov. 13 by the YD Club of Chicago. They enjoyed an evening of dining, dancing and entertainment at the College Inn, one of the leading night clubs.

Blue berets with gold YD insignia were worn by all those celebrating the Armistice. As the dancing grew warm and perspiration broke out on the brows of many who no longer retain their A.E.F. silhouettes, the blue began to fade from the berets. Ensued a rush for wash bowls and towels.

Several members and prospective members who require special occasions to get them out, appeared for this affair. This group included ELLIS T. GURRY (M) (A Batt., 103rd F.A.) who came in from Aurora, Ill. ROBERT G. REGAN (F Batt., 103rd F.A.) was a first-timer, declaring his intention of joining the Club. Comrade REGAN met R. W. FOGG (M) (Supply Co., 103rd F. A.) for the first time since the war. Comrade FOGG is one of our most overworked committee members.

It was by no means a 103rd Artillery party. E. V. CLUTTERHAM (A Co., 102nd Inf.), whom we hadn't seen for some time, left his bakery long enough to bring Mrs. Clutterham out for an evening's diversion. Two of his teammates, GEORGE IVERSON and AUGUST HILD, JR. made up a large party. They promise to join us soon.

We were surprised by a couple of 104th Infantrymen, C. H. MULLEN (M) (H Co.) and A. G. LUOMA (D Co.). Comrade MULLEN is a member of long standing and Comrade LUOMA hopes to join us soon.

Our President, W. D. CROWELL (M) (M.G. Co., 101st Inf.), and Vice-President, T. H. SHEPPARD (M) (A Co., 102nd M.G. Bn.), tied for the largest parties with ten each.

The affair began at 7 P.M. and most of the parties were still holding out long after midnight. Roses and perfume were presented as favors to the ladies. Like every event so far held by the local Club in its year and a half of existence, this celebration was pronounced a huge success.

This particular achievement was due to the efforts of the reunion committee, headed by JOHN J. LEE (M) (A Co., 103rd. Inf.), who entertained a party of six. Others who aided were Vice-President SHEPPARD (M); E. D. O'CONNELL (M) (L Co., 102nd Inf.), who entertained four; WILLIAM A. BRADY (M) (101st Signal) whose wife got back from a visit to Boston just in time; and PHILLIPS GOODENOUGH (M) (M.G. Co., 104th Inf.) with a party of four.

The committee also received the co-operation of R. A. USHER (M) (A Batt., 103rd F.A.), and C. A. BUSH (M) (C Batt., 101st F.A.), secretary-treasurer of the Club, who were not on the committee.

J. H. MCCANN (M) (D Co., 101st Engrs.) and his wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Mulvihill. Comrade Mulvihill trained at Camp Devens but was not a member of the division.

Others attending were S. T. TOSTENSON (M) (C Co., 102nd Inf.), F. L. FOLEY (M) (F Co., 102nd Inf.), P. H. CRAFTON (M) (M.G. Co., 101st Inf.), with a party of five; HERMAN GLAWE (M) (C Co., 102nd Inf.), with five; FOGG (M) had six; JOHN F. MCNULTY (M) (B Batt., 102nd F.A.), BURTON HARRINGTON (A Batt., 103rd F.A.), C. E. HERROLD (M) (C Co., 102nd Inf.), A. J. KEYWORTH (M) (E Co., 104th Inf.), HARRY D. KOCH (M) (C Co., 104th Inf.), ALBERT A. ORSESKY, JR. (M) (G Co., 103rd Inf.), and ABE SHERMAN (M) (Q.M.C.), JAMES L. HOUGHTELING (A Batt., 103rd F.A.) and H. M. PORTER (101st Ammunition Train) bought tickets but were unable, at the last minute, to attend. Their support was greatly appreciated by the committee.

With one exception every married man attending was accompanied by his wife, we believe; while several bachelors, though buying more than one ticket, appeared stag. Evidently the latter are incurable.

Probably one of the most gratifying features of the affair was the response of those who, for various reasons, could not attend. Most of them wished us well and signified their intentions of turning out at later meetings. We also learned of several former members of the division we did not have on our prospect list before. They were D. L. Orde (L Co., 102nd Inf.), George H. Cook (101st Sanitary Train), and H. C. Willard (101st Inf.).

We also learned with regret of two more boys in the hospital. I. J. Byrne (H Co., 102nd Inf.) is at Hines. John Okerstein, Jr. (F Co., 101st Engrs.) is at Great Lakes. R. E. Allen (M) (A Batt., 101st F.A.) is in South America on business, and Demetrios E. Alex has been in Greece for two years.

As another sidelight we found our addresses for the following are no longer good, and if they will send us their new numbers we will be glad to keep them informed of club doings.

Herbert Rathburn (E Batt., 103rd F.A.), Alex Plummer (Hdq., 104th Inf.), William H. Celker, Robert Scannell, and Lyell H. Ritchie (M).

YD CLUB OF MANCHESTER (CH)

More than 2000 people thronged the Ritz ballroom in Manchester, N.H., on Thanksgiving Night for the first annual ball conducted under the auspices of the Manchester chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

Among the guests were many chapter members from other cities. Messages received from Gov. John G. Winant (HM), Gov.-elect H. Styles Bridges and Col. Robert O. Blood (M) expressed their regrets in their not being able to be present because of social or business engagements.

Music was furnished by a well-known local orchestra and during the evening, songs popular during the World War were played.

A feature of the ball that attracted much attention from the dancers was an exhibit of war souvenirs and pictures loaned for the occasion.

One of the most interesting of the exhibits was the helmet worn by the "$1,000,000 Kid." The "kid," it was explained, was the only German prisoner captured following the barrage that cost $1,000,000. The helmet taken from him is the property of Dr. Russell Wilkins (M), chief medical officer of the local Veterans' bureau.

Actual war pictures taken by signal corps were grouped about a picture of Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards. Among the photos were those of Sergt. J. Letzing who captured the first German prisoner, and the late Chaplain Rollins of Concord.

Samuel A. Moffitt (M) was general chairman of the committee in charge of the event. The reception committee included Gen. John D. Murphy (M) chairman, Maj. Oscar G. Lagerquist (M), Dr. Forrest J. Drury (M), Dr. Russell Wilkins (M), Maj. John Jacobson, Jr. (M), Capt. Thomas F. Fitzgerald (M), Capt. William J. Sayers (M), Lieut. Harry G. Hall (M), Lieut. Walter J. Duda (M), Sen. John A. Foley (M) and Harold Broser (M).

George Wingate (M) was chairman of the publicity committee, assisted by Eustice R. Perron (M), John W. Kelly and John Taylor (M) of Derry. The door committee comprised Eugene Dugas (M) chairman, Charles H. Towers (M), Eli Montminy (M), Armand P. Montminy (M) and Edward A. Clear.

The program committee consisted of William J. Sayers (M), chairman, Harold E. McEwan (M), Leo J. Normandeau (M) and James H. D. Clark (M). Members of the printing committee included Rodolphe Dore (M), chairman, Leon T. Tarbell (M), Raymond J. Beauchene (M) and Maurice P. Gavin (M).

Eugene Dugas (M) headed the ticket committee. He was aided by John E. Blidberg (M), David Brinn (M), Henry J. Clark (M), Andrew B. Dobie (M), Clarence A. Firth (M), Henry A. LaFrance (M), William J. Murphy (M), Fred M. Minton (M), Patrick J. Reilly (M), Lawrence D. Walker (M), Napoleon R. Lapointe (M), William A. Cote (M), Samuel F. Davis (M), Arthur Gilmore (M) and Louis E. Merrill (M).

The check room was handled by Harold E. McEwan (M), chairman, Ivan A. Jensen (M), Edward F. Townsend (M) and Daniel W. O'Brien (M), while refreshments were served by Walter J. Boardman (M), chairman, Harold C. Blakeley (M), Frank J. Carr (M), Archie J. Chaudonnett (M) and Joseph A. Donnelly (M).

YD CLUB OF NORWALK (CH)

The executive committee of the Norwalk YD Chapter and its Auxiliary held a joint meeting at the home of Commander Al Herman (M) on November 14th, 1934, to develop final arrangements for the military dance to be held under the joint auspices of both units on the evening of December 7th in the Norwalk Armory.

Charles Lamb (M) was appointed general chairman with Mrs. William H. Whitney as sub-chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson (M) will have charge of tickets and finances. On the general committee of distinguished guests are Norman G. Robinson, William Frank, Barney Clarke (LM), Mrs. Henry Poirier, William P. Adams (M) and John Kvance (M).

To promote co-operation with all YD chapters in the state, an intertown co-operative committee was appointed, with Commander Al Herman (M) as

the local chairman, Mr. McDERMOTT for New Haven, SAMUEL MARCUS (M) for Bridgeport, Mr. TORAK for Stamford, WILLIAM P. ADAMS (M) for Danbury, JOSEPH ROACH for Ridgefield, ALBERT TRAUTMANN (M) for New Milford, Rev. DANIEL STRICKLAND (M) for Shelton. Other committees are as follows:

Reception: F. H. MILLER, chairman; BARNEY CLARKE, Captain WHITNEY, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. J. W. Martinson, Mrs. F. H. Miller.

Refreshment: HENRY WOODS, chairman; JOHN MOONEY, GEORGE GOLDING.

Decorations: F. H. MILLER, chairman; ARTHUR BOOTH, HENRY WOODS, VINCENT ALLEN, HERBERT COLLINS.

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Floor: SAMUEL POLLEY, chairman; EDWARD BROADWAY.

Publicity: HUGH MARRON, chairman; J. W. MARTINSON.

The Norwalk Chapter held a special Armistice Day Program in their hall in Norwalk on Friday, November 9. GEORGE BRUNJES, Commander of Frank C. Godfrey Post No. 12, American Legion, spoke interestingly on Armistice Day, and gave his ideas of steps that should be taken to prevent future wars. He also emphasized the point that a full education is necessary for all children.

A surprise observance, planned secretly by Commander AL HERMAN (M), was held. After the brief business session the auxiliary joined with the men in this program. The activities were started with readings from the YD Armistice Day ritual. After that, each member was called upon to tell of his experiences during the war, and to tell what the armistice meant to him. Since all YD men saw a great deal of active service, these tales were graphic ones, and at times brought tears to the eyes of the narrators and the listeners. Some told of the hardships endured as prisoners of war. The meeting closed at about midnight at which a supper was served.

At the business meeting the dance committee reported that during the past two days, more than 200 tickets have been sold.

A delegation traveled to Stamford to attend the Armistice Day Program and Banquet of the YD in the city of locks and keys. And we sent still another delegation to Shelton, Ct., on Sunday the 11th, to be present at Rev. DANIEL STRICKLAND'S Armistice Day Service. This is how we are advertising the YD in this state where wooden nutmegs are not made. I wonder if another YD Chapter is doing as much as we clamdiggers of Norwalk.

(Ed. Note: *Not all the* (M)*'s appear above, as many new members have come in from Connecticut, and file records are not complete for checking.*)

—W. P. A. (M)

YD CLUB OF WORCESTER (CH)

A Charity Bazaar, with tons of turkeys, was held on Tuesday night, November 27, in the interest of the Hospital & Welfare Fund. DOINGS has received no details of the party, but trusts it was a grand success.

The big "DOINGS" on the night of December 13, the occasion of the presentation of the Charter establishing the YD Club of Worcester as a Chapter of the Y.D.V.A., fell too late for an account to be included in this number.

YD CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD (CH)

The members of the Springfield Chapter will please accept our apology for not having anything in DOINGS in the last two or three issues. That is, accept the humble apologies of the President, who at this time assures you that it will not happen again. And I want to state that we are well and very much alive, although we do wish a lot more YD men, of whom there are a great number in this area, would take an active part in our up-and-coming organization.

Since the last fiscal year we have made several trips to the hospitals at Rutland, Leeds and Newington. And by the way, if any YD men visit Rutland, be sure and look up RALPH KORN, formerly of the 103rd Machine Gun Batt., who is up there, for a short time we sincerely hope. And I might add you'll be meeting one fine fellow. Also during the last summer we had two very enjoyable field days and outings which were held at Forest Lake and at Look Park in Leeds.

We also had several dog roasts which were quite strenuous too. At least one particular comrade, not mentioning any names of course, using the popular vernacular, just couldn't take it." I also understand one of our prominent members is joining that fast growing number of drum majors of a drum and bugle corps that are springing up like wildfire at the present time. Lots of success to you, Leo; we hope you will be as successful in that position as our old comrade BILL CONNELLY (M).

We also are pleased to know that our comrades up the river in Holyoke have become a Chapter in the Y.D.V.A., knowing that they have had an active YD Club up there for years.

From present early indications it looks as if we are going to have one grand Convention next year. I can assure you that they will have a large representation from this locality for that event.

Now that the winter months have set in we are getting quite active in social affairs. We held a smoker last month that if it wasn't anything else, at least was a financial success. (Just a case where the best laid plans sometimes go wrong.)

We want to state at this time that we intend to rerun the smoker at a future date just as soon as we are able to get a suitable hall.

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We are now at work on plans for a monster open YD meeting, which we intend to have in Jan. next, to be held mainly for membership and a get-together. It is to be free and we are lining up some very good, high class entertainment, also one or two very prominent speakers. We feel that more of these events should be run in the future.

—B. E. JOHNSON (M)

HAWAIIAN SECTOR

LEON DENIS (M), the Y.D.V.A.'s one-man Chapter, out in Hawaii, continues to keep the name of the 26th Division alive in those islands.

"The Cacti", published by the Engineer Regiment at Schofield Barracks, contains in its Armistice Day number a reprint of PHIL PALMSTROM's (M) famous 11:00 o'clock cartoon, with the henpecked husband begging his rolling-pin-wielding spouse for an armistice, pointing to his watch which reads 11:00 o'clock. It also contains an address delivered on Armistice Day several years ago by former Department Commander of the American Legion and former President of the Y.D.V.A. WILLIAM MCGINNIS.

JAMES W. KELLEY (M) (Hq., 101st Inf.) has been transferred from F Co., 35th Infantry, stationed at Schofield Barracks, and sailed in mid-November for New York for re-assignment.

ATHOL-ORANGE CHAPTER?

A letter from HARRY H. GRAVES (M) (E Co., 104th Inf.) of Athol, Mass., asks for information as to how to form a Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. He says that many of the men of E Company still live in Athol and Orange, of late have been getting together more or less, and are desirous of forming some sort of permanent organization within the YD.

TAPS

Major J. GEORGE HUGO, formerly of the 102nd Infantry, died in New Haven on Armistice Day. Major Hugo, a physician by profession, calmly and courageously noted the progress of the disease (leucemia) which caused his death and gave his medical colleagues valuable information as well as blood specimens for scientific experimentation in combating the disease. Col. ORVILLE PETTY, wartime Chaplain of the 102nd Infantry, delivered the funeral address, and the pall bearers were all former officers of the regiment.

DANIEL J. HORGAN, formerly of E Company, 101st Infantry, died at the Rutland Hospital on Tuesday, December 4, 1934.

Funeral services were held from his late home at 21 Forsyth Street, Boston, on Thursday, December 6, at 8.30 A.M.

Church services were held at the Immaculate

Conception Church on Harrison Ave., Boston, at 9.00 A.M., with a large number of his former comrades in attendance.

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

B Company Association held a successful Smoker and Entertainment the night of Nov. 21st at the YD Memorial Club of Boston.

A varied program included professional singers, dancers, raconteurs and entertainers of all types. Three or four snappy bouts with the padded mitts topped off the show. The climax and hit of the evening for our gang, was the bout between AL SEARS (H Co.) and HARRY GINSBERG (B Co.), two of our war-time YD champions, AL having ruled the lightweights and HARRY the bantams. Both are now apparently comfortable middleweights, at least. Despite the passage of time, addition of weight, and long absence from the ring, they put on a surprisingly fast and interesting bout. "Honeyboy" Finnegan was the referee.

The best feature of the evening, from the viewpoint of the Association, was the attendance of so many 101st veterans, fine boys who made a splendid appearance. The B Company response to this affair was especially encouraging to Company officers.

The purpose of the occasion was the annual accumulation of funds to finance B Company's Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution of checks to hospitalized and unemployed comrades—an established Company tradition which is again assured for the current holiday season.

The first Council meeting of the new administration of the Regimental Association was held Sunday, Nov. 18th, 5:00 P.M. at the YD Memorial Club, Boston. In a session which was unusually interesting and well conducted many matters of importance to the Association were thoroly discussed and decisions rendered or plans formulated. In addition to routine and confidential business, tentative plans were made for a Dutch Supper and a Military Ball, the former scheduled for January and the latter for March. Nine companies were represented at the meeting. President WILLIAM T. (BARNEY) GOLDEN (M) was the presiding officer with JIM HARTNETT (C Co.) acting as Secretary.

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Another interesting item clipped from a recent Boston "Post". "Chicago, Nov. 12 (AP)—At last it has come to light why some of the soldiers at Valley Forge probably lost their shoes!

A letter from Colonel Rufus Putnam of Washington's forces, to supply headquarters, put on exhibit by the Chicago Historical Society, in connection with Armistice Day, today revealed this order:

'Please to procure for my regiment one set of dice and place the same to account of the Fifth Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, for which the officers are to be held accountable.'

It seems the ice-bound soldiers shot something besides Redcoats, after all."

This is evidently a story on our own "Dandy" Fifth, which was part of our 101st Infantry in the World War.

In connection with B Company's recent smoker, we received an interesting letter from KOREN D. KASPARIAN, our old Sergeant, who was twice wounded in France. "Kas", who was one of the best liked boys in the old Company, is now permanently employed at Washington, D.C., in the Government printing service.

Here's the dope on the Regimental "Dutch" Supper, decided upon at the last Council meeting. The place is Arbeiter Hall, Avery St., Jamaica Plain; the time January 21st; the features are good food, a floor show and presentation of Past President's Medals; the price is only fifty cents, half a buck. The Committee for the affair includes: "NED" WHELAN (M), the Chairman; PETE SCHOFIELD, "UNIE" MADDEN, JOE GALLIGAN (M), FREDDY JONES of Worcester, DAN BRENNAN of Lowell, JOE CASEY of Lawrence and EDDIE SLATTERY (M).

The Committee, particularly the energetic and enthusiastic Chairman, will be glad to do the work involved; all you have to do is put in an appearance and enjoy yourself.

—G (M)

"H-er COMP."

The Annual Memorial Mass of H Company, 101st Infantry Veterans Association, was held on Sunday, November 11, at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Fall River, with a large representation from the company present. Mass was celebrated, as in former years, by Reverend OSIAS BOUCHER (M), the pastor, after which the boys and their families gathered in the church hall for an afternoon of entertainment.

H Company was well represented at the Regimental Council Meeting at the YD Club on Sunday, November 18. President JOE MCNIFF, DRAGO,

"Uncle" McGinn, Laughlin and Caswell (M) were present. The Company officers promise a year of activities, and it is their hope to bring "H-er Comp." up to the point where it will be second to none in the Regimental Association.

Johnny Gleason (M), like the street-car conductor on his day off, took a trip to Sing Sing on Sunday, November 17, to see a football game between the Fittons and the Sing Sing team. He is, as you all know, one of the prison staff at Deer Island.

Jack O'Meara, one of the most active men in YD Club affairs in past years, is pretty much tied down trying to put one of a large chain of stores back on its feet. He says he is about to the top of the hill, and when he starts coasting, he will have more time to devote to the YD, all along the line.

Haven't seen much of Jim Powell since he moved to the wilds of Milton.

Keep an eye out for an "H-er Comp." column from now on.

"Fuller Gassie"

103rd INFANTRY

In a recent notice of California news in Doings appeared the name of an old friend, which brought to mind an amusing incident when Fritz tried to take Xivray one morning in June, 1918.

Machine Gun Co. was quartered in Bouconville on that exciting morning. In that Company were two who happened to be on K.P., named Peluso (a follower of Il Duce) and Sam Kotarinos from the land of Nick Parkyakakas.

When the bombardment began Peluso got under cover with the rest of the gang but Sam kept about his work getting breppie ready. He had always had it impressed on him to stand by his post no matter what happened and his post was at that time in the kitchen. The shelling continued and finally one landed in the kitchen (somebody's old barn) but fortunately it was a dud. And still Sam stuck to his post.

Later on in the morning things had quieted down, soupie was well over, every one was out from under cover, and Peluse was back on the job.

Every time any Soldat Americain came along, Peluso would stop his duties and tell the story of the dud and Sam. Finally friend Kotarinos, who had been busy all the time, burst forth in glowing words rich in feeling, "Dat's right, Peluse, you tell 'em! I'll washa de pan!"

Met Eddie Begin (M.G. Co.), tonsorial artist, in Lewiston the other night. He was with Mrs. Begin and their little girl, and all looked well and happy. Ed is working in the shoe shops in Auburn.

Fred "Sock" Shaw (M) (Sgt., M.G. Co.) calls on us every week. He travels for Hall and Knight of Lewiston, and will sell you anything from a barn

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On the road to Rangeley, the other day, I passed a hearse. Who was sitting at the wheel, big as life and twice as natural, but our old friend DAN ADAMS (M) of Farmington. Dan is one of the leading morticians of Franklin County.

The old 103rd can boast of another State Commander in HERBERT BEAN (D Co.) of Bethel. Commander Bean, who was severely wounded at Chateau Thierry, is doing fine work as commander.

Come on, ye 103rders, we have been a bit behind with our news. Let's start the New Year right and keep our column on the active list. The Colonel wants to know who's who these days. Up in " 'Roostook" County news travels slowly, so let's give the Old Man some news of his old command. Send news either direct to DOINGS or to ELLIOTT K. HALE (M), c/o Worumbo Mfg. Co., Lisbon Falls, Maine.

The advance bulletin from New Haven for the 1935 Convention referred to yours truly as "The Herrin' Choker from Libson Falls." You can call me anything if you will send in some news.

—E. K. H. (M)

ENGINEER ENTRIES

CAPERS OF C

At the YD Junior Drum Corps' Hallowe'en party held at the Club, C Company youngsters made a good showing. First prizes for costumes were awarded as follows: for the girls, the prize went to Betsy Connelly; for the boys, to Bobby Bangs. Bobby is Captain of the Sons of the Legion, Squadron 290.

ED CREIGHTON visited MAL SMITH a short while ago and delighted Mal's youngsters with his piano playing.

Some of the boys of C Company would like to know how the C Company book is coming along. Talk it up for our January meeting.

FANCIES OF F

Another voice from the wilderness. A letter from HAROLD T. DAVENPORT, who is now living in Dunellen, N.J., asking the date of the next reunion of F Company. So far as your correspondent knows, none of us around here have heard from Davenport since the war. But it looks as if he hadn't forgotten F Company.

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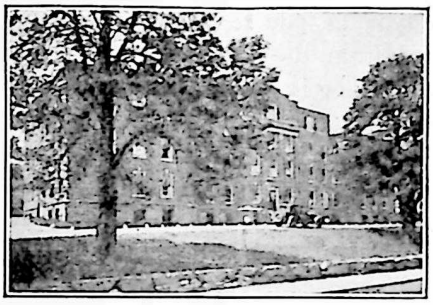

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